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 XONT HACH KHAR LISS COPE NASO DETR LEOP HEXT FROM NEWD  
 DAMA RABA NOBI HAGU VIEN DAHI TPLI SAGO HEID ATHE JIUD  
 TUIS CYRU TERE CNER OSLO CAIR MOGA PACY GAVA ROHE FRAN

PBBAND

NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

(INFOBORN IN SLANTS. REMAINING INFO RELEASABLE TO LIAISON.)

1. SAUDI ARABIA: //THE DISPUTES BETWEEN KING SAUD AND CROWN  
 PRINCE FAYSAL IS NOT YET RESOLVED, BUT FAYSAL APPEARS TO BE WORKING  
 OUT THE CRISIS. THE DISPUTE CENTERS AROUND KING SAUD'S ATTEMPT TO  
 RESUME PERSONAL CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HIS BROTHERS FORCED  
 HIM TO TURN OVER TO FAYSAL A YEAR AGO. THE IMMEDIATE ISSUE DISCUSS  
 VARIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE THE NEW BUDGET, WHICH REDUCES MONEY ALLOCATED  
 TO THE ROYAL FAMILY, AND FAYSAL'S REFUSAL TO GIVE CABINET POSTS TO  
 TWO OF SAUD'S SONS.//

//THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES BEGAN EARLIER THIS MONTH WHEN SAUD  
 WROTE FAYSAL A LETTER WHICH IN EFFECT REMOVED FAYSAL FROM HIS POST  
 AS PRIME MINISTER. FAYSAL REFUSED TO STEP DOWN APPARENTLY WITH THE  
 FULL SUPPORT OF HIS AND THE KING'S BROTHERS, WHO ARE THE MOST IM-  
 PORTANT MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.//

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PANAMA APPEARS MOST ANXIOUS TO AVOID AN OPEN RIVALRY WITH THE KING SINCE THIS COULD FURTHER DAMAGE THE POSITION OF THE MONARCHY. HE HAS REPORTEDLY REJECTED THE SUGGESTION OF AN OPEN RIVALRY WITH THE KING BE ASSASSINATED OR FORCED TO RESIGN. HE HAS SAID CURRENT THE ROYAL GUARD TO SURROUND HIS PALACE, BECAUSE HE FEARED HIS BROTHERS MIGHT TRY TO KILL HIM.

2. YEMEN: THE REPUBLICAN REGIME CONTINUES TO BE DEEP WITH DISSENSION. LAST WEEK THE PRESIDENTIAL AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RESIGNED, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF "GENERAL DISSENT" OVER EGYPTIAN INTERFERENCE. PRESIDENT SALLAL IS STILL IN CAIRO AND PRO-EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT AL-AMRI IS RUNNING THE COUNTRY.

END OF MESSAGE

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